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SUBJECT: RFE ACCREDITATION TO WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

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1. LORD KILLANIN TOLD ROOSEVELT AT 11:30 MEETING
THAT THERE WERE MISUNDERSTANDS RE RFE ACCREDITATION,
THAT ALL OTHER PRESS AGENCIES WERE PROPERLY ACCREDITED,
AND IF RFE HAD BEEN PROPERLY ACCREDITED THERE WOULD
HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEM. KILLANIN SAID THERE WAS NO
QUESTION OF PROPAGANDA, BUT THERE WAS THE FACT THAT
RFE WANTS TO BROADCAST TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ALREADY
HAVE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED TO THE WINTER
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OLYMPICS. KILLANIN SUGGESTED PARALLEL OF USSR WANTING

TO HAVE ACCREDITED STATION IN CUBA TO BROADCAST TO THE U.S., WHOSE CITIZENS WERE ALREADY REPRESENTED BY AMERICAN AGENCIES. KILLANIN CONCLUDED BY REITERATING THAT THERE WAS THE FACT OF IMPROPER ACCREDITATION OF RFE.

2. I COMMENTED THAT APPARENTLY KILLANIN WAS INDEED ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT BECAUSE RFE WANTED TO DO ONLY WHAT IT HAD BEEN DOING SINCE 1952.

3. KILLANIN ALSO TOLD ROOSEVELT THAT ALTHOUGH HE (KILLANIN) HAS WELL-KNOWN LEFT-WING PHILOSOPHY THIS HAD NO BEARING ON RFE ACCREDITATION. IN ANY CASE, SAID KILLANIN, GAMES WERE NOW ALMOST OVER.

4. ROOSEVELT TOLD ME FINALLY THAT IOC PRESS ORGANIZATION IS MAKING A REPORT TO KILLANIN ON THE QUESTION OF THE RFE ACCREDITATION.

5. ROOSEVELT NOT CLEAR ON WHAT IOC PRESS ORGANIZATION IS, BUT U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SOURCE TELLS US THIS IS PRESUMABLY A SUB-COMMITTEE OF IOC MEMBERS. WILL INQUIRE FURTHER ABOUT THIS. I AM PURSUING MATTER VIGOROUSLY. BUCHANAN

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